

# 2026 National Scout Jamboree

July 18 – July 21, 2026 (Pre - Jamboree Dates)

July 22 – July 31, 2026 (Jamboree Dates)

Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of approximately 15,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about Scouting and its members. Held every four years, the Jamboree is an amazing opportunity for participants, volunteers, and visitors to experience the best of Scouting, all in one place. Features include; one of the longest zip line courses in North America, a world-class skate park, ATV offerings, treetop canopy tours, rock climbing, patch trading, stadium shows, and much more!

The first Scouting America national jamboree was scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., in 1935 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Scouting in the United States. Unfortunately, the jamboree was canceled because of a polio outbreak in Washington. When the first jamboree was finally held in 1937, Dan Beard lit the opening campfire using flint and steel. Scouts from all 48 states brought the wood that was used in the campfire. There were 27,232 Scouts camped on the National Mall under the Washington Monument. Since that time, an additional 19 national jamborees have been held, the last in 2023.

## DETAILS

Every four years, the Southern Sierra Council puts together a Jamboree Contingent to attend the National Jamboree. The Contingent consists of one unit, comprised of up to 36 youth and four adult leaders. Besides the Jamboree experience itself, there are additional costs that are incurred in preparation for the event. These costs include (but may not be limited to):

- Airfare to and from the east coast
- Luggage fees
- Hotel and security
- Jamboree training, meetings, and other events
- Jamboree gear, including all troop specific gear (flags, unit numerals, water bottles, hats, shirts, jackets, backpack, duffle bag, patches and tent)
- Jamboree event fee
- Dedicated Scouting professional and support staff to facilitate and assist in a successful Jamboree experience
- Bus transportation to all tour locations and to and from Jamboree with dedicated bus drivers
- A tour team to organize and facilitate all touring aspects
- A tour of part of America's history including Washington, DC and other historical locations.

## YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

The Jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifications to attend the National Jamboree include:

- Registered member of a Scouts BSA Troop, who will be at least 12 years old by July 22, 2026, but who has not yet reached their 18th birthday by July 31, 2026
- Must live and abide by the Scout Oath and Law
- Must abide by the Jamboree Code of Conduct

Once the youth registration process is complete, Scouts will be placed in the Council's Jamboree contingent. Each Scout will be a member of a patrol within the contingent. Every contingent member will be required to participate in and have the following:

- Attend scheduled contingent meetings
- A completed National Jamboree Medical form signed by a licensed physician
- Attend the all-contingent gathering
- Attend the overnight training encampment
- **Have all fees paid no later than April 30, 2026.**

## ADULT LEADERSHIP

Each Jamboree unit requires four adult leaders, all at least 21 years old. In the Council contingent, there is a Scoutmaster and three Assistant Scoutmasters, all fulfilling specific duties during the trip. The contingent leadership for Southern Sierra Council is:

- Scoutmaster – James Avery
- 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster – Michael Dunn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster – Brad James
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster – Roger Smith

Parents of the youth participants will play a very important role in making the Jamboree experience happen for their Scouts and the entire Southern Sierra Council group. If you have a talent or skill that you would like to share to help with facilitating the Jamboree experience, please contact Randy Saunders at [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto:randy.saunders@scouting.org).

## PRICING AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

The estimated cost for the 2026 Jamboree with touring plan is \$5,200. *(The fee listed here is preliminary and is subject to change.)* Jamboree fees include everything listed in "details" section. Other out-of-pocket expenses may include (but are not limited to) additional uniforms, patches, and spending money.

All participants must register online at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-jambo26>

All youth participants must submit an approval letter from their Scoutmaster to the Scout Office. Applicants will be interviewed by the Jamboree contingent leadership team to complete the application process.

**A non-refundable deposit of \$325 is due upon initial registration. All fees are paid to the Council via the SOUTHERN SIERRA ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK shown above.**

Regular payments must be made by all participants. A monthly schedule is included below. Full payment must be received **no later than April 30, 2026**, in order for the participant to attend. The following is the payment schedule for the 2026 National Jamboree (although more may be paid in advance):

### Payment Schedule:

- **\$325 per month – Participants must stay current with the payment schedule in order to maintain their spot in the Contingent.**

### ALL PAYMENTS, TOTALLING \$5,200, ARE DUE BY April 30, 2026

There will be opportunities for participants to earn funds for the Jamboree by selling Scout Camp Cards (reusable coupon card) in the Spring of 2025 and Trails End Popcorn in the fall of 2025. More details will be available at an upcoming Jamboree contingent meeting.

If a participant is unable to attend, a refund of the fees paid will be provided only if another Scout is able to fill their spot on the contingent. Once that participant registers and pays fees, the refund will be issued.